

WISE HUSBAND MAKES MASHER SEE STARS

Gives Him Chance to Accost Wife, Then Strikes Him Between the Eyes, Sending Him Reeling in the Road.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Dressed in a new paddock coat of the latest cut, and wearing a high hat and patent leather shoes, a man who said he was Milton Harris, 22 years old, of 152 West One Hundred and Thirteenth street, looked about with an air of satisfaction as he stepped into a fourth-hand Sixth avenue surface car yesterday afternoon. Evidently he was pleased with his trim appearance and as he thought of his new clothes, especially the high hat, his confidence in his ability to please was unbounded.

Sitting opposite to Harris was Mrs. Lawrence Miller and her husband, of 50 Morningside avenue. Mrs. Miller, who was stylishly gowned, pleased Harris nearly as much as he pleased himself. He looked at her with a rakish air and a knowing smile, but so limited was the focus of his vision that he failed to observe the husband. Not so with Miller, however, he saw Harris perfectly, and he made mental note of all the efforts of the charmer.

At Forty-second street Miller and his wife alighted from the car. So did Harris, and it is alleged he followed the couple to Forty-second street and Broadway. There Miller told his wife he would leave her for a moment just to see what the man who was following them would do. Miller and his wife parted as if they did not expect to see each other again that day, and Harris, thinking his opportunity had arrived, stepped up to the woman.

He doffed his hat with a grand air and in the most fascinating voice he could assume, asked her where she was going. No thought that his advances might be repulsed had Harris, as he mentally compared his general appearance to the ordinary looks of the man who had just left the woman. But whatever defect he might have had in his mental vision quickly was illumined by a staggering blow between the eyes, which sent him reeling toward the middle of the street.

By the time the stars which danced before his eyes disappeared, a great light dawned on the mind of Harris, but before he could explain he found himself an involuntary aid of the street cleaning department, with Miller's hands as the propelling force.

Patrolman Steinmeyer, of the West Thirtieth street station, found the humiliated still intent on his philanthropic work of cleaning the street with Harris, so he took the two men and the woman to the station house. Harris acknowledged that he had deserved all he got, and offered to apologize. Mrs. Miller, as she gazed on the ruined clothes of the masher, gave it as her opinion that he got all he deserved, so she decided to accept the apology and withdrew her complaint. Harris was permitted to go.

WOODEN LEGS BREAK; HAS TO CRAWL ALONG.

Allegheny Police Operator Has Hard Luck on the Ice Side-walks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—No street cars were running when Harry Pinkerton, night operator at the Allegheny fire alarm station, fell to an icy pavement and broke one of his wooden legs early Wednesday morning. Neither were people passing along the street, and the public servant was compelled to crawl on all fours back to his home on Boyle street, where he obtained another leg on which to make the journey to the home of a friend in need.

Pinkerton's hours are not those of day workers, and when he arrived at his home he found a message from Charles Naylor, who lives but a few blocks from him at Hemlock and Federal streets, that he had slipped on a sidewalk and broken his right leg. Pinkerton was requested to call, and without hesitation he ventured out on his perilous way. While both legs of the operator are of wood he felt sure of his ability to negotiate the distance. But he fell on the ice, and when he rose one of his legs refused to bear his weight and again the sidewalk revived him.

Back to his home he crawled and there adjusted another pair of legs, also of wood, and on these he made the trip in safety and was able to sympathize with Naylor in his affliction. But it was back to the factory with the fractured limb, for all kinds of string and Northside rope could not hold together the separated pieces of wood.

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THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

Traditions That It Will Last but Six Thousand Years.

There is a general and widespread notion, which the curious investigator will find scattered throughout both medieval and modern literature, that the world will last 6,000 years from the date of its creation. An inscription in one of Martin Luther's books reads as follows: "Elijah, the prophet, said that the world had existed 2,000 years before the law was given (from Adam to Moses), would exist 2,000 years under the Moslem law (from Moses to Christ) and 2,000 years under the Christian dispensation, and then it would be burned."

In the Etrurian account of the creation (by Suidas) I find a similar tradition: "The Creator spent 6,000 years in creation, and 6,000 more are allotted to the earth."

In the black letter edition of Foxe's "Acts and Monuments" there is a whole sermon given, with the 6,000 year limit of the earth's duration as a text. (See above work, edition of 1522.)

Some writers contend that the "six days" referred to in Holy Writ really mean 6,000 years, and that the "seventh day" is a type of the coming millennium, or "Sabbath of a thousand years." The psalmist says, "For a thousand years are in thy sight as yesterday." (Psalm xc. 4. See also II Peter iii. S.)—St. Louis Republic.

HUGE DUCK FARMS.

They Are to Be Seen on All the Waterways of China.

Enormous flocks of tame ducks, numbering many thousands, are to be seen on all the waterways of China. These are carefully herded by the duck farmer and his sons and guided by them to suitable feeding grounds. A recent writer speaks of seeing them on the Yangtze in midstream, floating down in compact masses with the racing current and surrounded by their guardians in tubs, who, armed with long bamboos, smartly whacked any birds that happened to stray.

These ducks always appear to be of the same age, a curious fact that is explained by the Chinese use of incubators on a large scale. They are very chary about revealing details, but it would appear that these incubators are either made of manure and lime in the open air or in rooms heated by charcoal fires, the eggs in this case being placed in baskets covered with straw or cotton wool.

To illustrate the magnitude of these operations it may be mentioned that a boat on a river will sometimes encounter a floating mass of eggshells numbering tens of thousands and coming from an incubator where ducks have just been hatched.

A READY PREACHER.

Notable Instance of Presence of Mind in the Pulpit.

Frederick the Great, being informed of the death of one of his chaplains, a man of considerable learning and piety, determined to select a successor with the same qualifications and took the following method of ascertaining the merit of one of the numerous candidates for the appointment: He told the applicant that he would furnish him with a text the following Sunday, when he was to preach at the royal chapel. The morning came, and the chapel was crowded to excess.

The king arrived at the end of the prayers, and on the candidate ascending the pulpit he was presented with a sealed paper by one of his majesty's aides-de-camp. The preacher opened it and found nothing written. He did not, however, lose his presence of mind, but, turning the paper on both sides, he said:

"My brethren, here is nothing, and there is nothing. Out of nothing God created all things." And he proceeded to deliver a most eloquent discourse on the wonders of the creation.

The Story of a Crest.

There is a curious tradition concerning the almost miraculous preservation of the life of the first Earl of Kildare, which explains the origin of the crest used by the O'Farly Geraldines. While an infant, so the record runs, he was in the castle of Woodstock when an alarm of fire was raised. In the confusion that ensued the child was forgotten, and on the servants running to search for him the room in which he lay was found in ruins. Soon after a strange voice was heard in one of the towers, and on looking up they saw an ape, which was usually kept chained, carefully holding the child in his arms. The earl afterward, in gratitude for his preservation, adopted a monkey for his crest.—London News.

Ages of Birds.

Small singing birds live from eight to eighteen years. Ravens have lived for almost a hundred years in captivity, and parrots longer than that. Fowls live ten to twenty years. The wild goose lives upward of a hundred years, and swans are said to have attained the age of 300. The long life of birds has been interpreted as compensation for the great mortality of their young.

A Fatal Omission.

"I can't for the life of me make out what my wife is driving at in this letter."

"Of course you can't, old chap. Don't you see that she forgot to add the postscript?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

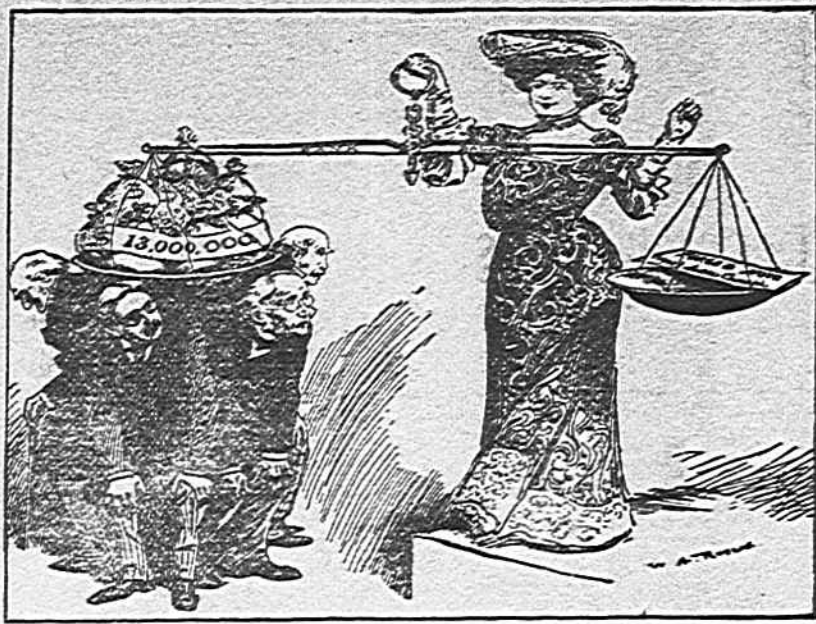
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—New York Herald.

HOUSEKEEPING PLAY ENDS IN TOT'S DEATH.

Little Sisters, Ironing Clothes, Fall Prey to Flames.

MARIETTA, O., Dec. 30.—Wreathed in her brave little sister's arms 8-year-old Edna Craft, daughter of W. H. Craft, a prominent merchant, was burned to death here. The little sister, Tessie, aged 15, received fearful burns in her frantic attempt to save the babe's life. She is in a serious condition, while her rescuer, John Park, a clerk in the father's store, was also burned.

The Crafts live over the grocery store of Craft & Clover. Mrs. Craft left for Caldwell, O., to visit friends, leaving the two daughters alone. The children for amusement started to do some washing. While ironing the clothes Edna's dress ignited from a hot flatiron. In an instant she was wrapped in flames. Her sister Tessie rushed to the rescue.

Park, a clerk in the store below, heard the cries of the two children and rushed upstairs. He quickly smothered the older child's clothing, but the clothing of Edna had already been nearly burned from her body.

The younger child was dead before the mother was able to reach home. It is feared that she will go insane from the shock.

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Mr. Lawson was a bag manufacturer at No. 42 Whitehall street, Manhattan, and while the business was prosperous it was not one that would have enabled a man to accumulate that amount of property. Twenty-five years ago he saw the possibilities in real estate investment on the upper West side of Manhattan Island, and all the money that he had or could borrow he invested in land there.

Of the estate, which is estimated at \$1,500,000, not more than \$100,000 is in personal property. By the terms of the will the estate is divided among his four children. To Edward J. Lawson, with whom the father had disagreed, is left only \$10,000 in trust. The estate cannot be settled until this son is found. He was last heard of in California.

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No. 51.—Connellsville Accom'n 2:10 P. M.
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